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SUBJECT: FRENCH PRESS ON MARTINIQUE MEETING, NATO,  
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SUMMARY: THE TUMULTUOUS WELCOME OF PRESIDENT GISCARD IN GUADELOUPE IS THE BIG STORY FOR THE WIDE MAJORITY OF FRENCH NEWSPAPERS. COMMUNIST HUMANITE PLAYS UP YESTERDAY'S NATIONWIDE DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST LAYOFFS. INTERNATIONALLY, THE ISRAELI AIR RAID ON BEIRUT IS THE TOP STORY. THE FORTHCOMING FORD-GISCARD MEETING IS THE MAJOR TOPIC. REPORTS ON THE NATO COUNCIL MEETING ARE GENERALLY BRIEF AND FACTUAL APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF THE DISCRETION OBSERVED BY DELEGATIONS ON THE UNUSUAL RESTRICTED SESSION. DENIED RUMORS OF A CLASH BETWEEN MESSRS. KISSINGER AND SAUVAGNARGUES ARE REPORTED. END SUMMARY.

1. BOTH TELEVISION NETWORKS CARRIED A FILM REPORT ON THE  
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DAMAGES FOLLOWING AN ISRAELI BOMBING NEAR BEIRUT.

COMMENTATORS SAID "THIS ESCALATION IN REPRISALS" IS CAUSING "GROWING ANXIETY" IN THE AREA AND ESPECIALLY AMONG THE BEIRUT POPULATION. REPORTING THE NATO MEETING IN BRUSSELS ORTF II SAID THAT "FOR ONCE THE U.S. IS SATISFIED WITH ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES DESPITE THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE FUTURE."

2. LE MONDE DOES NOT MENTION THE NATO MEETINGS. THE ONLY REFERENCE TO NATO IN THE NEWSPAPER IS IN AN ARTICLE BY ALAIN CLEMENT ON THE WATERGATE TRIAL WHICH NOTES IN PASSING THE "DISHONORABLE ROLE" PLAYED BY GENERAL HAID," THE PRESENT SUPREME COMMANDER OF NATO."

3. LA CROIX REPORTS ON AN INSIDE PAGE: "AT THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL MEETING, MR. KISSINGER IS EXPECTED TO RAISE THE PROBLEM OF INFLATION IN CONTEXT OF COMMON DEFENSE...MR. KISSINGER SHOULD ALSO DEAL WITH THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT AND THE NUCLEAR ACCORD REACHED THERE, AN AGREEMENT WHICH IS CONSIDERED BY SOME ALLIANCE MEMBERS AS AN AMERICAN CONCESSION TO SOVIET VIEWS BECAUSE IT TENDS TO ENTAIL A REDUCTION OF AMERICAN NUCLEAR SITES IN EUROPE. AS FOR THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, IT IS VIEWED WITH CONCERN BECAUSE OF THE CYPRUS AFFAIR AND OF ITS CONSEQUENCES...THE PRESENCE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN BRUSSELS FAVORS BILATERAL CONTACTS IN THE BACKSTAGE OF THE ATLANTIC CONFERENCE. MR. SAUVAGNARGUES, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS TO MEET THURSDAY WITH HIS AMERICAN COLLEAGUE TO REVIEW WITH HIM THE FORD-GISCARD MEETING IN FORT DE FRANCE THE WHOLE RANGE OF FRANCO-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND PROBABLY THE QUESTION OF ENERGY ON WHICH THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE THE MOST DIVIDED.

4. FIGARO (OGLIASTRO) FROM BRUSSELS: "THE MYSTERY IN WHICH THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING WAS SHROUDED WAS IMMEDIATELY INTERPRETED AS SIGN OF SERIOUS DIFFERENCES AMONG PARTICIPANTS. A POLEMIC BETWEEN MR. KISSINGER AND MR. SAUVAGNARGUES WAS NOTABLY REPORTED...AS A MATTER OF FACT, THERE WAS NO INCIDENT AT ALL...WHAT IS CERTAIN ON THE CONTRARY IS THAT MR. LUNS DISAPPROVES OF THE DECISIONS MADE IN VLADIVOSTOK...MR. KISSINGER REPEATED THAT THE "FORWARD BASED SYSTEM" IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE SOVIET AMERICAN ACCORD ANY MORE THAN THE FRENCH AND BRITISH NUCLEAR FORCES...LASTLY, AS EXPECTED, A LONG EXAMINATION WAS UNDERTAKEN OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION ON THE ALLIANCE...THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST WAS NOT DISCUSSED YESTERDAY...MR. SAUVAGNARGUES LEFT BRUSSELS AS EARLY

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AS LAST EVENING TO GET SOME REST BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN THE FRANCO-AMERICAN SUMMIT IN MARTINIQUE. THIS IS ENOUGH TO SHOW THAT THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE FOR THE MEETING SHOULD RAISE NO PROBLEMS THIS YEAR."

5. LES ECHOS EDIT: "AMONG THE SUBJECTS BEING DEBATED BY THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL SINCE YESTERDAY, THE SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN IS CERTAINLY NOT THE LEAST PREOCCUPYING...CYPRUS REMAINS THE MOST URGENT PROBLEM...MR.KISSINGER'S EFFORTS (WITH THE GREEK AND TURKISH MINISTERS) ARE UNFORTUNATELY BEING HAMPERED BY THE AWKWARD

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DECISION OF CONGRESS TO CUT MILITARY AID TO TURKEY...BUT SINCE NEITHER GREECE NOR TURKEY REALLY WANTS TO BREAK WITH ITS WESTERN ALLIES AND SINCE THE GREEK AND TURKISH

CYPRIOIS ARE NOT FORMALLY OPPOSED TO A DIALOGUE, THE HOPE NONETHELESS REMAINS THAT AN AGREEMENT WILL EVENTUALLY BE REACHED.

6. FIGARO (YANN DE L'ECOTAIS) FROM BRUSSELS: "A PROCEDURE AGREEMENT ON ENERGY MIGHT BE REACH IN MARTINIQUE BETWEEN GISCARD D'ESTAING AND GERALD FORD. THIS WAS THE PREVAILING SENTIMENT AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING AND AFTER BREAKFAST WHICH HENRY KISSINGER AND JEAN SAUVAGNARGUES HAD TOGETHER THURSDAY MORNING."

7. AURORE: "THE STATE DEPARTMENT...HAS SPECIFIED THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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MR. KISSINGER WILL BE PRESENT IN ALL CONVERSATIONS... SHOULD IT BE INFERED FROM THIS, AS THIS IS REPORTEDLY MURMURED IN THE QUAI D'ORSAY, THAT IT WILL ACTUALLY BE GERALD FORD WHO WILL ACCOMPANY 'DEAR HENRY' TO THE CARIBBEAN SUMMIT, AND NOT THE OPPOSITE? THIS WOULD BE TO DISREGARD A LITTLE TOO READILY THE FACT THAT THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WHICH NOW CONFRONT THE WEST, THE OIL CRISIS FIRST OF ALL, WILL BE THE CENTRAL TOPIC. AND ON THIS LEVEL, THE NEW PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY FEELS MUCH MORE AT EASE THAN ON THE CHAPTER OF FOREIGN POLICY."

FRANCE SOIR (SEGONZAC) FROM WASHINGTON: "OIL, ITS PRICE, AND ABOVE ALL THE NEW US POLICY CONCERNING THAT PRICE, WILL CERTAINLY BE IN THE CENTER OF THE GISCARD-FORD TALKS IN MARTINIQUE SATURDAY. THE US PRESIDENT IN EFFECT WILL EXPLAIN TO HIS HOST THE ABOUT FACE OF HIS COUNTRY WHICH -- DISREGARDING ITS PRIOR POSITIONS -- HAS VIRTUALLY GIVEN UP ITS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN FROM THE OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES THEIR LOWERING OF THEIR PRICES. WHY? FOR THE SIMPLE REASON THAT HE NOW PREFERS TO PROTECT THE PROFITS OF AMERICAN PRIVATE OIL COMPANIES SO THAT THEY CAN INVEST IN THE CREATION OF NEW ENERGY SOURCES.."

9. RAYMOND ARON IN FIGARO: THERE IS NO POSSIBLE RATIONAL ANALYSIS OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE. THEY SO OFTEN TAKE SO PASSIONATE A TURN THAT AN OBSERVER MORE THAN ONCE WONDERS WHETHER THE PARTNERS ARE NOT FINDING SOME SECRET SATISFACTION IN QUARELLING...SOME EVIL GENIUS APPARENTLY TRANSFORMS FRIENDS INTO ENEMIES. HENRY KISSINGER COMITS TOWARD FRANCE ALL THE ERRORS WHICH HE REPROACHED HIS PREDECESSORS FOR WHEN HE HIMSELF WAS A PROFESSOR... THE SAME MAN OR HIS AIDES ARE NOW SPEAKING AND ACTING AS THOUGH ANY SLIGHT DESIRE OF SELF-RULE AMOUNTED TO

AN AGRESSION AGAINST THE UNITED STATES...SUCH AN EXAGGERATION IS REALLY GROTESQUE...THE SAME MALIGNANT EVOLUTION AFFECTS THE FRENCH...MR. JOBERT HAD THE BEST PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH MR. KISSINGER SO LONG AS HE HAD NO OTHER FUNCTIONS THAN THOSE OF GEORGES POMPIDOU'S ADVISER...MR. GISCARD D'ESTAING WOULD WANTED TO

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SMOOTHE OUT FRANCO-AMERICAN RELATIONS. SIX MONTHS LATER, THE LEADERS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT ARE SAYING TO ANYONE WANTING TO LISTEN TO THEM -- COULDN'T THEY KEEP THEIR FEELINGS FOR THEMSELVES? -- THAT THE QUARREL WAS MORE ENJOYABLE WITH MR. JOBERT THAN WITH MR. SAUVAGNARGUES...IN MARTINIQUE, MANY THINGS WILL BE SPOKEN OF, IN PARTICULAR THE 'DEAL OF THE CENTURY' CONCERNING TWO AMERICAN PLANES AND THE MIRAGE. BUT THE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY FOR ENERGY WILL BE THE MAJOR TOPIC. IF THE TALKS DEVELOP ACCORDING TO THE USUAL SCENARIO, THE PRESIDENTS WILL EVENTUALLY FIND A COMPROMISE FORMULA... BUT FRANCE'S NON-PARTICIPATION IN THE AGENCY FOR ENERGY HAS BECOME THE SYMBOL OF OUR 'INDEPENDENCE' AND OF OUR DETERMINATION TO CONSOLIDATE THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WITH OTHER EUROPEANS WHO DO NOT WANT TO SEPARATE THEMSELVES FROM THE UNITED STATES. THIS CONTRADICTION IS IN NO WAY INEVITABLE: IT RESULTS FROM A SORT OF UNCONSCIOUS POSTULATE ACCORDING TO WHICH WE CAN INFLUENCE THE UNITED STATES ONLY BY COUNTERING IT, NEVER BY CONVINCING IT."

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